1: Métraux, Alfred. Ethnology of Easter Island. Bernice P. Bishop Museum Bulletin 160. Honolulu, 1940.

Pp. vii, 432; 58 text figures; 7 plates; 1 map; bibliography; index.

Yale: S11 O182 160

[Métraux was a member of the 1934-5 Franco-Belgian Expedition to Easter Island. The present monograph incorporates the result of his field work as well as his researches into existing historical sources. It contains information on the history, geography, material culture, social life, religion, art, warfare, tales, legends, and pictographic script of the Easter Islander. Métraux is more interested in reconstructing the past than in describing the present culture of the Christianized natives. By comparing various cultural traits that he found on Easter Island with those of the neighboring Polynesian islands, he concludes that Easter Island is a local Polynesian culture which developed from an archaic and undifferentiated Polynesian civilization. --Analyst]

Field date: 1934-1935 Evaluation: Ethnologist-5

Analyst: Robert Lee Processed in 1961

2: Ferdon, Edwin N., Jr. Notes on the Present-Day Easter Islanders. Southwestern Journal of Anthropology. Vol. 13, pp. 223-238. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 1957.

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[This article deals with several aspects of the ethnography of the contemporary Easter Islanders, after well over two hundred years of contact with western civilization. Although the author, a professional archaeologist, gives a rather brief and general account of the history of Easter Island-European culture contacts and the effects upon the native population, he does give well-rounded descriptions of the present day customs relating to birth, adolescence, courting and sexual morality, marriage, divorce and death. Of special note in this article are the data presented on the position of the first born son and his relationship to his father, and the position of authority of the parents-in-law of a married couple. The author concludes the article by summarizing

2: Ferdon, Edwin N., Jr.

the acculturative changes occurring in the Easter Island social pattern. --
Analyst]

Field date: (1956) 1957
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Archaeologist-5
Processed in 1960

3: Drapkin, I. Contributions to the Demographic Study of Easter Island. Occasional Papers, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Vol. 11, No. 12, pp.1-9. Honolulu, 1935.

Yale: S11. 450. 11

[This source, written by a doctor, is a brief demographic study of the native population of Easter Island. Statistical data are presented on the break-down of the population by age, sex and racial origins. Some limited information is also given on age at marriage, and on illegitimacy, illiteracy, and mortality rates. --Analyst]

Field date: 1934-1935
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Physician-5
Processed in 1961

4: Metraux, Alfred. Easter Island. Annual Report of The Smithsonian Institution for 1944, pp. 435-451. Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1945.

Yale: A52 62 99

[This article deals with the history of Easter Island and offers an evaluation and critique of the various theories that have been developed to explain the stonework, statues and design covered tablets which have been interpreted as hieroglyphic script. The author believes these traits represent an indigenous Polynesian culture and need not be attributed to pre-Polynesian inhabitants. He considers "hieroglyphics" to be orator staffs similar to those used elsewhere in Polynesia by orators or chanters. A few comments are also made on contemporary production of fake antiquities by Easter Islanders. The author, an ethnologist, did field work in the area. --Analyst]

Field dates: 1934-1935
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

5: Roggeveen, Mynheer Jacob. Extract from the Official Log of the Voyage of Mynheer Jacob Roggeveen in the Ships Den Arend, Thienhoven and De Afrikaasche Galey, In 1721-2, in so far as it relates to the discovery of Easter Island. Bolton Glanvill Corney, ed. The Voyage of Captain Don Felipe Gonzalez to Easter Island, 1770-1. Pp. 1-26. Hakluyt Society, Second Series Number 13. Cambridge, 1903.

Yale: E10 H15 II13

[This source is an account of one of the first voyages to Easter Island. Some information is given on clothing and ornamentation, statues, houses, canoes, and the reception offered the Europeans by the Easter Islanders is described. The source is of interest primarily because no acculturation had taken place previously. --Analyst]

Field date: 1721-1722
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Traveler-5
Processed in 1961

6: Anonymous. Journal of the Principal Occurrences During the Voyage of the Frigate Santa Rosalia From El Callao de Lima to the Island of David, and Thence to San Carlos de Chiloe, in the Year 1770; by an Officer of the Said Frigate. Bolton Glanvill Corney, Ed. The Voyage of Captain Don Felipe Gonzalez to Easter Island, 1770-1, pp. 83-111. Hakluyt Society, Second Series, Number 13. Cambridge, 1903.

Yale: E10 H15 II13

[This source is an account of an early voyage to Easter Island. Although the author is not identified with certainty the translator-editor of this journal believes him to be Don Francisco Antonio de Aguera y Infanzon, the chief pilot of one of the ships. The material in this source which pertains to Easter Island deals largely with the relations of the natives and the Spanish travelers. Material is included on statues encountered by the travelers, clothing, homes, and women. --Analyst]

Field date: 1770-1 Evaluation: Traveler-5

Analyst: Betty Potash Processed in 1961

7: Anonymous: Narrative of the Expedition Undertaken by Order of His Excellency Don Manuel de Amat, Viceroy of Peru, in the Ship San Lorenzo and the Frigate Santa Rosalia, from the Harbor of El Callao de Lima to the Island of David in 1770. Bolton Glanvill Corney, ed. The Voyage of Captain Don Felipe Gonzalez to Easter Island, 1770-1, pp. 112-128. Hakluyt Society, Second Series, Number 13. Cambridge, 1903.

Yale: E10 H15 II13

[This source is an account of an early voyage to Easter Island. Although the author cannot be identified with certainty, the translator-editor of this source believes him to be Don Juan Herve, First Pilot or senior navigating officer of the San Lorenzo. This account, while somewhat less detailed than others dealing with this voyage offers some information on relations with the natives, boats, gardens and clothing. David was an early

7: Anonymous:

name given to what is now more commonly called Easter Island. --
Analyst]

Field date: 1770
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Traveler-5
Processed in 1961

8: Behrens, Carl Friederich. Another Narrative of Jacob Roggeveen's Visit. [Der wohlverstichte Südländer, das ist: ausfürliche Reise-Beschreibung um die Welt]. Bolton Glanville Corney, Ed. The Voyage of Captain Don Felipe Gonzalez to Easter Island, 1770-71, pp. 131-137. Halkuyt Society, Second Series, Number 13. Cambridge, 1903.

Yale: E10 H15 II13

[This source provides an account of an early voyage undertaken to Easter Island. Ethnographic materials include brief comments on food, houses, clothing, and physical characteristics of the Easter Islanders. There is also some data on the relations of the travelers and the aborigines.--Analyst]

Field date: 1721-1722
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Traveler-5
Processed in 1961

9: Forster, George. A Voyage Round the World in His Brittanic Majesty's Sloop, Resolution, commanded by Capt. James Cook, during the Years 1772, 3, 4, and 5. Vol. 1, pp. 556-602. London: B. White, J. Robson, R. Elmsly, and G. Robinson, 1777.

Yale: Ecd 1772. F 1

[This source is an account of Captain Cook's voyage around the world. Only the materials dealing with Easter Island have been processed for the files. While the bulk of the material deals with contacts with the Easter Islanders and has historic rather than ethnographic interest some descriptions of cultural materials are given. Mention is made of dress and ornament, mutilation and hair styles, agricultural products and food preparation, house types, statues and weapons. Some description is given of the physical characteristics of the Easter Islanders and of the geographic character of the island. --Analyst]

Field date: 1774 Evaluation: Traveler-5

Analyst: Betty Potash Processed in 1961

10: Cooke, George H. Te Pito Te Henua, Known as Rapa Nui; Commonly Called Easter Island, South Pacific Ocean. Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1897, Report of the U. S. National Museum, Part 1, pp. 689-723. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1899.

Yale: A52 67 1896/7 1

[This source is an account of a trip taken to Easter Island to secure specimens of statues for the Smithsonian Institution. The first portion of the account deals almost entirely with the routine followed by the expedition. The remainder of the work describes the topography and vegetation of the island, provides population estimates, describes diseases, physical characteristics and some cultural traits. Among the last may be included information on house types, marriage practices, mutilation, clothing, cannibalism, and funeral rites. There are also brief references to changes that have occurred on the island due to European contact. In addition the author provides vocabulary lists.--Analyst]

Field date: 1886 Evaluation: Physician-5

Analyst: Betty Potash Processed in 1961

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11: Lavachery, Henri. Easter Island, Polynesia. Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, pp. 391-6. Washington, D. C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1937.

4 plates.

Yale: A52. 62. 91 cop. 1

[The author presents in this article his theory of the Polynesian origin of the Easter Island culture. A number of Easter Island cultural traits are compared with similar traits in the Polynesian group in support of his theory. --Analyst]

Field date: 1934-1935
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Archaeologist-5
Processed in 1961

12: Routledge, Mrs. Scoresby. Survey of the Village and Carved Rocks of Orongo, Easter Island, by the Mana Expedition. The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, Vol. 50, pp. 425-51. London, 1920.

2 maps, 16 plates.

Yale: Nk10+R81 v. 50

[This article is a detailed description of the ruins of the village and carved rocks of Orongo where the Easter Islanders held their ceremony in connection with the bird Cult as described in 13: Routledge. Each house in the village has been measured and described individually. The text is supplemented by photographs and sketches. --Analyst]

Field date: 1914-1915
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

13: Routledge, Mrs. Scoresby. The Bird Cult of Easter Island. Folk-Lore, Vol. 28, No. IV, pp. 337-55. London: The Folk-Lore Society, 1917.

Yale: Nkg10 F72 v. 77

[This is a detailed reconstruction of the ceremony of finding the first egg of the tara, a species of tern, among the Easter Islanders. Because of the social and religious significance involved in this ceremony the Bird Cult played an important part in the island culture. The archaeological remains of this cult is dealt with in 12: Routledge. --Analyst]

Field date: 1914-1915
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

14: Routledge, Mrs. Scoresby. Easter Island. The Geographical Journal, Vol. 49, pp. 321-49. London: The Royal Geographical Society, 1917.

2 maps; 4 plates.

Yale: E10. R81g. v49

[This paper was read by Mrs. Routledge before members of the Royal Geographical Society. It deals with the expedition which she and her husband undertook to Easter Island. After a lengthy description of her voyage, the paper discusses the objects which claimed most of her interest; namely, the prehistoric burial-places or ahus, the stone statues, and the hieroglyphic writings. The discussion that followed the reading of the paper advanced several hypotheses as to the origin of the Easter Islanders. --Analyst]

Field date: 1914-1915
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

15: Routledge, Katherine [Mrs. Scoresby Routledge]. The Mystery of Easter Island. London: Sifton, Praed, & Co., 1919.

Pp. xxiv, 404; preface; 136 plates; 11 maps and plans; index.

Yale: Chile Ehk Ea7 913

[Only pp. 165-271 and the accompanying plates have been processed for the Easter Islanders File.]

[This source was written by the author on the basis of fieldwork done by her husband and herself, both professional anthropologists. A considerable portion of the source deals with the stone figures found on the island. Following this, the author attempts to reconstruct the aboriginal culture from historical records and information gathered from modern informants. Although lacking in many details, an account is given of the material culture, social life, and religious practices of the Easter Islanders. The pages not

15: Routledge, Katherine [Mrs. Scoresby Routledge].

processed for the files dealt with the trip to and from the Island--Analyst]

Field date: 1914-1915
Analyst: James R. Leary

Evaluation: Anthropologist-5
Processed in 1961